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### **James Weyman of the National Weather Service retires**

James C. (Jim) Weyman, meteorologist-in-charge of the National Weather Service weather forecast office and director of the Central Pacific Hurricane Center in Honolulu, will retire on March 31, 2011, after 15 years of service in the islands and over 40 years of combined federal service.

From 1970 through 1990, Jim served as meteorologist in the U.S. Air Force with assignments in Texas, Kansas, Germany, Massachusetts, Alabama and Oklahoma. In the last five years of his Air Force career, Jim was the test director for a multi-agency, 161-member, text team composed of the National Weather Service, Department of Defense and the Federal Aviation Administration. The text team tested, prior to acceptance, the current and widely used United States Doppler Weather Radar. Jim retired from the Air Force as a Lieutenant Colonel.

Jim began working for the National Weather Service in 1990 as the deputy meteorologist-in-charge and warning coordination meteorologist at the weather forecast office in Pittsburgh, Pa. In 1996, Jim and his family moved across the Pacific when he became the meteorologist-in-charge of the weather forecast office and the director of the Central Pacific Hurricane Center in Honolulu. Jim has also held many international positions for the World Meteorological Organization and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission.

Throughout his National Weather Service career, Jim has supported the National Weather Service mission to protect lives and property by forecasting severe weather. In Honolulu, he supervised a staff of more than 40 people, including meteorological and electronic technicians, interns, computer support staff and over 20 meteorologists. He successfully guided the office through numerous and notable weather events, including the infamous "40 days and 40 nights" of rain in 2006, the Halloween or Manoa Flood in 2004 which caused extensive damage to the University of Hawai'i, and several close calls by hurricanes.

Jim and his wife Linda have been married for 40 years and have three children and three grandchildren. He will be leaving the islands and returning to the east coast to be closer to family.

Raymond Tanabe, the current director of operations, will be the acting meteorologist-in-charge of the weather forecast office and director of the Central Pacific Hurricane Center.